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SUBJ: REACTION NIXON MIDDLE EAST TRIP

1. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) EXCERPTS QUOTE
MAYBE NIXON'S PRESENCE IN AREA CAN HELP PREVENT NEW DIFFICULTIES
FROM ARISING DURING THIS FIRST PHASE, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE,
WITH PROMISES AND OFFERS AND ASSURANCES, CAN HELP DEVELOPMENTS
BEYOND ACTUAL WITHDRAWAL SO THAT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA CAN
GET STARTED...

2. DESPITE MAINTENANCE OF U.S. - ISRAELI ALLIANCE, U.S. HAS
BEEN ABLE TO REBUILD CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP OF CONFIDENCE WITH
EGYPT AND MAKE FIRST CONNECTIONS WITH SYRIA. AMERICAN HAVE
THUS EXERTED GUIDING INFLUENCE ON DEVELOPEMENT IN MORE PEACEFUL
DIRECTION. THIS IS TURN OF EVENTS WHICH U.S. PRESIDENT UNDER ANY
CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HAVE REASON TO MARK WITH UNUSAL GESTURE.
IT MAY BE THAT NIXON IS IN PARTICULAR HURRY TO DO SO BECAUSE WHITE
HOUSE IS UNDER SIEGE, AND HE NEEDS TO SHOW THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION
IS WORKING UNDISTURBED IN GREAT POLITICS. BUT IF THIS IS PART OF
MOTIVE, HE IS WELCOME TO IT. RECOGNITION IS DESERVED UNQUOTE.

3. POLITIKEN (INDEPENDENT RADICAL) PRESIDENT NIXON WILL ARRIVE IN
MIDDLE EAST AS BULL IN CHINA SHOP... THIS SI EXACTLY NOT MOMENT FOR
U.S. PRESIDENT TO INTERFERE TO ACHIEVE DECISIVE CHANGE IN NEGOTIATION

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WHICH ARE CAUTIOUSLY STRATING... WHEN NIXON STICKS TO HIS DECISION
(TO VISIT MIDDLE EAST) IT IS , AS ENTIRE WORLD - INCLUDING MIDDLE EAS
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-- KNOWS, NOT OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR ISRAELI OR ARABS, BUT FOR
PRESIDENT HIMSELF, FIGHTING DESPERATELY FOR HIS POLITICAL LIFE.

4. THIS IS ONE MORE CRUDE ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT FOREIGN POLITICAL
SITUATION TO DELAY SHOWDOWN AT HOME, WITH COURTS, POLTICIANS,
AND U.S. POPULATION. THEY MUST BELIEVE THAT NIXON IS INDISPENSABLE
TO WORLD PEACE AND THAT THEY RUIN U.S. ROLE AND SECURITY BY PERSECUT-
ING HIM FOR HIS CRIMES.

5. IT IS DUBIOUS WHETHER AMERICANS WILL BUY THAT ANY MORE. THEY
CAN EVEN ASK NIXON IF, BY HIS POLTICAL TRICKS IN MIDDLE EAST, HE
DOES NOT SIMPLY DIMMINISH HIS POSSIBILITIES OF ACHIEVING GREATER A-
AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIET LEADERS WHOM HE WILL MEET FEW DAYS LATER
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